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submits herewith a copy of each foreign patent document and each non-patent literature document in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, it is submitted that no fee is due in this matter. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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